

She Wanted Something.
After the dinner he looked at his wife, who glared back at him, but for once he made bold to say to his male guest:
"My dear fellow, suppose we go out on the roof for a smoke; you know, in these small flats there are no verandas."
When they arrived on the roof he turned, held up a warning finger and said:
"Shoot. Don't give me away, will you?"
"Why, what's up now?"
"I'm after information. Will you answer everything without equivocation?"
"Go ahead."
"Did you notice the bird in the cage?"
"I did."
"Did it appear happy?"
"It did. It had fresh cuttlefish and fresh water."
"Did you notice that the pet poodle had apparently been given fresh meat, and that there was no paper scattered around the door?"
"That was about it."
"Did you notice that the children all had on shoes and stockings?"
"They did."
"That the hired girl had the soup-hot?"
"She did."
"That my wife addressed me as 'my dear fellow'?"
"She did three times; and each time she smiled sweetly."
"And—and that once she said, 'Oh, my dear fellow, you are just too good for anything.'"
"She said that, too, and she coyly pulled your whiskers as she did so."
"Is it possible?"
"It is that."
"Well then I am lost for good. Excuse me, kind sir, while I shed a pearly tear."
"On my neck," said the other man, as they embraced in the moonlight.
"You understand, old fellow?" sobbed the first man as he clung tighter.
"I do that; yes, of course."
"And you won't leave me for a long time?"
"No, never, for I am a married man myself. I know the symptoms which have frightened you. But take my advice, old fellow. It is your only chance now."
"In heaven's name, tell me!"
"Crawl down stairs, crawl stealthily along the hall, then suddenly burst open your door, bound into the room, whoop like a wild Indian, roar out for your hat and coat, hawl out something about off for the Black Hills and farewell forever; then wildly dash down the fire escape and join me here on the corner. I will take care of you for the next two weeks."
"And in the meantime?"
"In the meantime, dear old chappie, she may have forgotten."—New York Recorder.
That's His Business.
The hard refiner never knows what he can do until he tries.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.
Always Finds a Way.
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